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SUMMARY: TELEGRAM PROVES BIODATA AND
OTHER INFO ON GHANADEL
TO ARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, STARTING JUNE 20, 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. COMPOSITION GHANA DELEGATION TO JUNE 20 CARACAS LOS
MEETING NOT YET OFFICIALLY DETERMINED.
BARRING LAST-MINUTE
CHANGE, HOWEVER, WE RELIABLY INFORMED LEADER OF GHANADEL WILL
BE E.N. MOORE, COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL,
WHO IS ALSO MEMBER RULING NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL.
DEFINITELY KNOWN TO BE MEMBER OF DELEGATION IS W.W.K. VANDERPUYE,
DIRECTOR LEGAL DIVISION, GHANA FONMINISTRY. BIODATA FOLLOWS
BELOW. INFO OTHER DELEGATES WILL FOLLOW WHEN NAMES KNOWN.

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2. INDEPENDENCE OF DELEGATION WILL BE RESTRICTED PRIMARILY BY NEED

TO CONFIRM TO AGREED POSITIONS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ON LOS QUESTIONS, WHERE THESE EXIST. MOORE CAN SPEAK FOR NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL TO SOME EXTENT, AND DELEGATION PROBABLY WILL INCLUDE MOST TECHNICAL EXPERTS WHO DO INTERNAL COORDINATION OF GHANA'S LOS POSITIONS, SO GHANADEL AS WHOLE WILL MOST LIKELY BE FREE TO MOVE WITH DIRECTION OF OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ONLY IN CONCERT WITH CAUCUS OF AFRICAN STATES ASSEMBLED IN LOARACAS.

3. ON TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUES (REFAIR), PER ACCRA A-72 OF MAY 31, 1973, NOTE THAT GOG'S DEDICATION TO COMMON OAU POSITION MEANS READINESS TO DROP OWN 30-MILE CLAIM IN FAVOR OF OAU 12-MILE ONE PROVIDED LOS CONFERENCE CAN AGREE ON AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

4. BIODATA EDWARD NATHANIEL MOORE: BORN 26 SEP 1926, WINNEBA, GHANA. LLB HULL AND LONDON, CALLED TO BAR 1956 (MIDDLE TEMPLE). PAST PRESIDENT GHANA BAR ASSOCIATION (1971-72). SERVED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GHANA BRANCH INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS. COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MEMBER NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL SINCE 1972 COUP, IN BOTH CAPACITIES ONLY HIGH-RANKING CIVILIAN IN GHANA'S PRESENT MILITARY REGIME. HAS REPRESENTED MHANA ON NUMEROUS OVERSEAS DELEGATIONS, MOST RECENTLY AFRO-ASIAN CONSULTATIVE LEGAL CONFERENCE AT TOKYO IN JANUARY, WHICH TOUCHED ON LAW OF SEA. MOOGZ IS EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATOR, FORCEFUL SPEAKER, REASONABLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON LOS (AND WILL BE WELL-BRIEFED), AND CAN BE EXPECTED DOMINATE HIS DELEGATION. WHILE FAR FROM PRIME MOVER WITHIN NRC, CAN SPEAK FOR IT ON LOS ISSUES. WE ARE TOLD HIS SELECTION TO HEAD GHANADEL DEMONSTRATES IMPORTANCE GOG ATTACHES TO CARACAS CONFERENCE AND LOS ISSUES. PERSONALLY KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR STEVENSON.

5. BIODATA W.W.K. VANDERPUYE: BORN AUGUST 1, 1926, ACCRA, GHANA. UNIVERSITY OF GHANA (GEOGRAPHY/ECONOMICS), 1952. CALLED TO BAR 1961 (MIDDLE TEMPLE), SPECIALY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW. ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE 1957, SERVED LAGOS, LONDON, PEKING, AND AS CONSUL GENERAL NEW YORK, 1964-65, THEN AS COUNSELLOR GHANA UN MISSION, 1966. IN PRESENT JOB SINCE 1972. ACTIVE AT WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCES, HAS REPRESENTED GHANA AT NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CONFERENCES, ACCOMPANIED

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MOORE (ABOVE) TO TOKYO. ATTENDED LOS SEABED COMMITTEE SESSION JUL-AUG, 1973. VANDERPUYE IS PRIMARY TECHNICAL-LEVEL LOS EXPERT IN GHANA GOVT AT PRESENT, EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ISSUES, APPROACHES THEM FROM LEGAL POINT OF VIEW LEAVENED BY DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE AND AWARENESS IMPORTANCE OF OAU POSITIONS TO GHANA GOVT. WILL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING HEAD OF DELEGATION WELL-BRIEFED, BUT SWINGS VERY LITTLE WEIGHT WITH NRCGAND GOG. NOTE THAT VANDERPUYE LISTS AMONG HIS HOBBIES INTEREST IN YOGA

AND EASTERN PHILOSOPHY: HE IS A VEGETARIAN AND NON-DRINKER.
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